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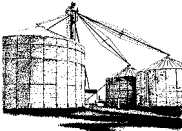
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MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION JANUARY - MARCH QUARTER 2004 - 2005							
STATE	MILK COWS ¹		MILK PER COW ²		MILK PRODUCTION ²		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2005/2004
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
United States	8,993	8,995	4,755	4,807	42,759	43,238	101
Maryland	76	73	3,947	4,096	300	299	100
Delaware	7.5	7.5	4,533	4,533	34	34	100

1 Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
2 Excludes milk sucked by calves



GRAIN STOCKS

UNITED STATES GRAIN STOCKS, MARCH 1, 2004 AND 2005					
	March 1, 2004		March 1, 2005		2005/2004
U.S.	OFF FARMS ¹	TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	OFF FARMS ¹	TOTAL ALL POSITIONS	ALL POSITIONS
	<i>-----1,000 Bushels-----</i>				<i>Percent</i>
Corn	2,241,459	5,271,459	2,616,738	6,753,738	128
All Wheat	762,727	1,020,617	676,304	981,014	96
Soybeans	549,947	905,847	585,974	1,380,974	152
Barley	101,186	152,886	111,001	190,681	125
Oats	49,414	95,014	39,026	82,526	87
Sorghum	137,652	158,652	169,989	203,389	128

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

U.S., MARYLAND, and DELAWARE PLANTED ACRES, MAJOR CROPS, 2003 - 2005				
CROPS	AREA PLANTED			2005/2004
	2003	2004	2005	
	<i>----- 1,000 Acres-----</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Corn, all purposes				
U.S.	78,603	80,930	81,413	101
Delaware	170	160	160	100
Maryland	480	490	460	94
Soybeans				
U.S.	73,404	75,208	73,910	98
Delaware	180	210	180	86
Maryland	435	500	450	90
Wheat				
U.S.	62,141	59,674	58,592	98
Delaware	50	50	50	100
Maryland	165	160	150	94
Barley				
U.S.	5,348	4,527	3,974	88
Delaware	25	29	29	100
Maryland	43	42	46	110
All Hay (Harvested Acres)				
U.S.	63,383	61,916	62,940	102
Delaware	13	14	14	100
Maryland	195	215	200	93

U.S. AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Mid-Month March 2005, Entire Month February 2005

Commodity	Unit	United States Prices ^{1/}			Parity Price
		March 2004	February 2005	March 2005	
---- Dollars ----					
Wheat, Winter	BU	3.76	3.27	3.44	10.00
Corn	BU	2.75	1.95	2.03	6.71
Barley	BU	2.77	2.37	2.48	6.80
Soybeans	BU	9.28	5.42	6.28	16.20
All Hay, Baled	TON	81.80	84.70	89.10	---
Apples, Fresh	LB	0.304	0.208	0.186	0.527
All Beef Cattle	CWT	83.70	89.00	91.90	174.00
Calves	CWT	115.00	128.00	132.00	236.00
Hogs	CWT	47.20	50.70	51.50	108.00
Broilers	LB	0.470	0.430	0.440	---
Turkeys	LB	0.366	0.380	0.381	1.02
Milk, All	CWT	15.40	15.50	15.60	35.50
Eggs, Market	DOZ	1.000	0.358	0.327	1.70

1/ Agricultural Prices are published at the end of each month throughout the year for the United States and selected states. Maryland is not in the monthly prices program; however, price information is available for Maryland commodities at the end of each production year. Throughout the year on Friday, the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with the University of Maryland and Maryland Department of Agriculture publishes the Maryland Grain and Livestock report. This reports contains market analysis of local price tends by University economists and current commodity price quotes from local and regional markets throughout Maryland and can be viewed at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/md/rlsetoc.htm#Grain>.

May Release Highlights

Broiler Hatchery	May 4, 11, 18, 25
Agricultural Prices	May 31
Poultry Slaughter	May 31
Weekly Crop Weather	May 3, 10, 17, 24
Dairy Products Prices	May 6, 13, 20, 27

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